

GRANT RECIPIENT
LAKE COUNTY PARKS

**YEAR** 2011

**COUNTY** LAKE

CATEGORY
LAND ACQUISITION

GRANT AWARD \$17,500

Local Share \$17,500



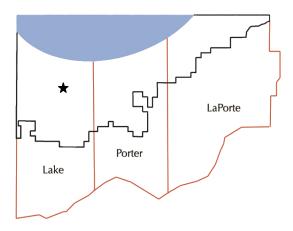
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Staehlin Acquisition at Oak Ridge Prairie
County Park

This project was the fee simple acquisition of five acres which was added to Oak Ridge Prairie County Park. The five acres are made up of a dry mesic sand forest, and is mostly surrounded by wetlands. Many native plant species make up this property, and has very similar habitats found on adjacent park lands. This property in the future will be restored and enhanced to bring its biodiversity potential to its fullest. Exotic and aggressive native woody species will be removed and thinned out to allow herbaceous species the ability to thrive with more sunlight. Interior park trails will be extended to this property which will allow public access to the forest.



**RESULT:** Acquisition of five Acres of land adjacent to Oak Ridge Prairie County